



## People and Events

### Queerest of Men's Clubs.

The most unique of men's clubs has recently been organized at the University of Pennsylvania. Its membership is regulated not by blackballs, but by a foot rule. No man can be elected a member unless he stands at least 6 feet in his stockings. Furthermore, the membership of the club is limited to eighty feet. That is, if the aggregate height of the club members reaches that figure the club is filled, and other applicants must wait, unless under the foot rule they prove to be taller than the shortest man who is already a club member. In that case, the giant is taken into the club, and the comparative dwarf retires to an associate membership. In all matters which come before the club for action each member has one vote for each inch he stands above six feet in height. To amend the constitution of the club requires fifty-four feet, or two-thirds of the active membership of eighty feet, in its favor. The founder of this club of giants is John R. Maris of Chestnut Hill, Pa., who is 6 feet 4 1/4 inches in height. The club's tallest member is Montgomery, a boy of 6 feet 10 inches. At the next annual meeting of officers of the club he expects to be chosen Supreme Sky-scraper.

### Trouble with Venezuela.

Venezuela has been independent for eighty years. During that period it has nominally been a republic. The different constitutions it has had have recognized the principles of free, democratic government as completely as does that of the United States, which was taken as a model. Nevertheless, Venezuela is not yet a genuine republic. It has not yet free institutions, except on paper. It is not ruled by laws, but by a despot. While the account of the existing condition of affairs in Venezuela printed in the New York Tribune last week may not be correct in all its details, it is correct as to the main points. Eighteen months ago Cipriano Castro headed a revolutionary movement, drove out President Andrade, and installed himself as dictator. There is a congress, but it is made up of men chosen by the dictator. There are judges, but if their decisions do not suit him, he throws them into prison and keeps them there until they admit they were quite mistaken as to the law. All officials hold their places only so long as the dictator does not distrust them. Those whom he suspects he removes, and sometimes imprisons. During his first month of power the dictator had a number of wealthy bankers and merchants brought before him and assessed them from \$20,000 to \$60,000 apiece for the support of his government.

### P. C. Knox.



The New Attorney-General of the United States.

### Russell Harrison's Debt.

It is claimed that the chief debt of Russell B. Harrison to his father, all of which was remitted in the will, consisted of the amount expended in fitting him out for service during the Spanish-American war. General Harrison wished to present his son with equipment, but Russell would not accept it save as a loan. That loan was never repaid, and that is the debt which was remitted in the will.

The bequest of General Harrison of his ash and sword to any posthumous son that might be born is said by this friend of the former president to be due to his desire to have these emblems of his military service descend to a member of the family bearing his full name. It appears that when Russell B. Harrison's son was born he and his father disagreed as to the name the boy should have. The former president wished and urged that he be given the name of Benjamin. Russell would not agree to this, but gave the boy the name of William Henry Harrison, the name of his distinguished great-grandfather. The ash and sword will in all probability descend under the provisions of the will to the general's grandson.

### To Confound the Wise Men.

On April 1, 1861, an April Fool party was given at Newburg, N. Y. Among the guests were Edward Watkins and a young woman whom he had known for a year or two. It happened also that it was Mr. Watkins' twenty-first birthday. As he finished a dance with the young woman in question some friends began to banter him and proposed that the couple should get married then and there as a sort of April Fool joke on themselves and the rest of the world. They were willing, a minister was sent for, and the marriage ceremony was performed. Mr. Watkins took his bride home, and all the village gossips predicted that they would be unhappy and would soon separate. By way of confounding their critics, almost all of whom are dead, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on April 1, 1911, at their home in Williamsport, Pa. Their four children and a number of grandchildren met with them to help in the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins joined the Baptist church seven years after they were married.

### A Famous Churchman.

Very Rev. Frederick W. Farrar, dean of Canterbury, was, when taken ill lately, 70 years old. He was ordained



BISHOP FARRAR.

deacon in 1854 by the bishop of Salisbury, and three years later was admitted into holy orders by the bishop of Ely. Until 1871 he was one of the masters at Harrow, and for five years thereafter was head master of Marlborough college, a position he held with great distinction. Among his other offices was that of honorary chaplain to the queen and chaplain in ordinary. In 1883 he was appointed archdeacon of Westminster, and in 1885 he was appointed dean of Canterbury. Dean Farrar has written voluminously upon religious topics, but his fame will rest upon his "Life of Christ," which was published in 1874.

### Severity at Castle Garden.

According to the law, an alien who goes from this country to Europe and returns must be inspected and passed upon as rigidly as a new immigrant. When the Germanic arrived at New York the other day it had on board a well-to-do Philadelphia merchant, Albert Priestman, who had been abroad to buy goods. Though Mr. Priestman has lived in Philadelphia fifteen years, has married an American wife and is the father of several children born in this country, he has not taken advantage of the opportunity to become a citizen of the United States, not caring to relieve himself of allegiance to the British crown. Accordingly he was inspected to see whether he was liable to become a public charge and hence should not be allowed to enter the country. The official of the marine hospital service who examined him discovered that he had an artificial left arm, and though Mr. Priestman brought proof of his business standing and showed the officials a certified check for \$10,000, they insisted that he must be detained on Ellis Island for examination and investigation. In vain did Mr. Priestman protest that he had been across the ocean a dozen times before with this same artificial arm, or that he would furnish bonds for his appearance. Finally he was paroled over night in custody of the superintendent of the steamship line, and the next morning he was compelled to undergo an examination.

### Alcoholism and Microbes.

There is nothing new in the recently vaunted animal experiments at Paris showing that lower grades of living creatures if alcoholized are more sensitive to disease than others of temperate habits. Alcoholized animals are unable to resist infection with the bacilli of consumption, cancer, diphtheria and kindred diseases. The progeny of alcoholized guinea pigs have proved so weak that they live but a short time or are born dead.

Medical history abounds in corroborative proofs that intemperance curses not only its practitioners but their offspring, the curse moral generally accompanying the curse physical. In times of contagion persons who have lived abstemiously prove more able to withstand exposure or recover more quickly and more completely from any form of pestilence. Temperance, like virtue, is its own reward. Luckless Cassio was right—the inordinate cup is unblissed.

## SAYINGS and DOINGS

### Savage Soon to Be Chief.

Lieut.-Gov. Savage will be inaugurated as governor of Nebraska probably within the month. Governor Dietrich has given his promise to vacate at an early date and qualify as United States senator.

In 1880 Mr. Savage lived in a sod house on the plains of Chester county. He was born at Connersville, Ind., in 1842, and was left at the age of ten the sole support of his mother and the family of little brothers and sisters left without protection by the death of their father. Young Savage worked hard on farms and in no other occupa-



EZRA P. SAVAGE.

tions, meanwhile managing to pass through high school and college. He studied law, removed to Iowa, made some money in land speculation, and then removed to Nebraska. He was the first mayor of South Omaha, laid out the town of Sargent and grew rich when the railroad was built through the town. He won distinction as a soldier and scout for Grant and Sherman during the civil war.

### Doctor May Refuse Services.

Recent decisions of the higher courts in cases affecting the practice of medicine are interesting to the general public as tending to settle questions that have always been more or less controversial.

It has always been contended that a physician is morally bound to attend any patient for whom he is called. Failure to respond when called is generally regarded as a violation of medical ethics. It is well known, however, that many physicians do not assent to this view and reserve the right to refuse attendance even in cases of serious emergency. Deaths have been caused by the refusal of physicians to render medical assistance at a critical time when other physicians could not be found. Whatever may be the moral obligation the Indiana Supreme court has just rendered an opinion in a test case to the effect that a physician is not legally bound to attend a patient for whom he is called, no matter how urgent or desperate may be the case. An Indianapolis doctor was summoned three times to attend the wife of a prominent citizen. He refused to go, and was finally importuned by the sick woman's pastor, who offered to pay the fees in advance. The physician remained obdurate and the patient died.

### World's Fair Mayor.

Rollo Wells, newly elected mayor of St. Louis, whose term of office will extend over the world's fair of 1903, is generally regarded as the visible evidence of the political power of for-



ROLLO WELLS.

mer Governor David R. Francis. Mr. Wells and Mr. Francis have known each other almost from boyhood, and have similar opinions as to what constitutes democracy. The election of Wells is taken as having a national significance, the more so when it is considered that Mr. Francis' connection with the world's fair will give him the advantage of close contact with the big men of the south. The new mayor is the head of a steel foundry, which employs upwards of 2,000 men. He is 45 years old, a native of St. Louis. This is his first plunge into politics, and his great success is due, not alone to his strong backing, but to his personal popularity. Mr. Wells is a typical Democrat of the silk-stocking school, but he is well known to the people through his early connection, as manager, with one of the big traction lines, which was owned by his father.

## DAN GROSVENOR SAYS:

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Miss Mattie L. Guild, President Illinois Young People's Christian Temperance Union, in a recent letter from Chicago, Ill., says:

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